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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in New York were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Elsewhere, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to at times good, best in areas where holiday promotions were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient to instances tight for trading needs. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate for light to fair demand. Light hen offerings were at least sufficient for regular processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were higher. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and balanced for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the quiet demand. Schedules varied. Supplies were closely balanced. Trade sentiment generally

steady.	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	110-119	113-116
LARGE	109-118	111-114
MEDIUM	74-83	76-79

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IA-MN-WI	Prices paid	l to
producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	95-104	99
MEDIUM	64-68	66
SMALL	40-46	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices were trending higher for next week's deliveries. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for a light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

for normal processing schedules.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-137	120-123
LARGE	113-127	118-122
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME,	, NH, Eastern N	J, Eastern NY,
PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Next week's prices were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was reported as fairly good to good, best where holiday features were active. Food service demand was generally moderate. Supplies remained balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher, with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

was usually steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA,	MO,NM,OK, and T	X

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the less than normal to normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were adequate to at least adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

moderate demand.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112.25-125	119-122
LARGE	104.25-123	117-120
MEDIUM	67.25-87	80-84
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, S	SC, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was light to fair. Present supplies were sufficient for buyer and seller requirements.

	IVANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	95-99

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117-125	118-120
LARGE	115-123	116-118
MEDIUM	80-88	81-83

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and increased 3 cents for medium and small. Trade sentiment continued steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and increased 3 cents for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.00.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	169
EXTRA LARGE	166
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	120

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	153-167
EXTRA LARGE	149-154
LARGE	144-147
MEDIUM	107-110

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules continued to vary. Trade sentiment generally steady.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	88-93	88-90
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-76	70-72
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,I	N,KS,LA,MI,MN,N	MO,NM,ND,NE,
OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were higher on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand slowed and was usually light to fair. Offerings ranged short to sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Aug-2008 were 8% higher than the previous week and 1% more than the same week a year ago.

	IVAITOL	MOOILI	
BREAKING STOCK	85-90	85-88	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-75		
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, G	GA, KY, ME,	MD, MA, MS, N	lΗ,
NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV			

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EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 23-A	NUG-200 (I	lbs. in tho	usands)	(Exclu	des Ingr	edients)	
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
Producti	on Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,345,641	33,411	12,113	6,211	2,822	4,264	
PW	1,323,479	33,298	11,942	6,094	2,795	4,503	
LY	1,307,180	34,405	10,767	5,753	2,210	4,566	
% PW	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-5%	
% LY	3%	-3%	12%	8%	28%	-7%	
2008	44,228,9391	,087,065	416,122	218,716	98,656	148,550	
2007	42,984,7931	,062,033	398,392	214,338	86,187	147,472	
% YTD	3%	2%	4%	2%	14%	1%	
CW PW LY							
Average `	Yield Per Case	e - (Inedib	ole Include	ed) 41.6	1 42.1	9 42.45	
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 38.45 38.79 38.96							

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

•	Case	s Broken	Liqu	id Whole
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	672,010	49.9%	18,048	54.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	661,023	49.9%	18,560	55.7%
LAST YEAR	607,715	46.5%	17,257	50.2%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salted yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady to firm for yolk. Offerings were adequate to close for whole egg and whites and remained tight for yolk. Demand was good for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	13	70.5-74	71.42	-1.41
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION All prices were higher with the exception of frozen whites which were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm for frozen whole egg, steady for whites, and fully steady to instances firm for frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good for whole egg, and fair to instances fairly good on the balance of frozen products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

JCKLOTS	
RANGE	MOSTLY
84-89	
72-76	72
145-146	
140-141	
	RANGE 84-89 72-76 145-146

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were higher on whole, salted yolk and sugared yolk, but unchanged on whites when compared to values a week ago. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole and yolk products, steady on whites. Offerings continue adequate for the fairly good to good demand. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Aug-08 were 5% less than a week ago and 9% less than the same week last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL
TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25	CONT.)
RANGE MOSTLY F	RANGE
WHOLE 81-89 84-88	86-94
BLENDS (/) TFEWR	
WHITES 69-77 72-73	75-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 141-148 146-148 1	49-154
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 137-142 140-142 1	43-148
(/) – Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.	

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u> Frozen whole egg prices were 3 cents higher with whites unchanged. Sugared and salted yolk prices increased 2 cents from last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment continued firm for frozen whole egg, steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate with demand fair to fairly good for whole egg and moderate on the balance of products.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	L1L
	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	85-89
WHITES	78-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-148
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-143

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, irregular on albumen and unchanged on yolks and blends when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was viewed as steady to fully steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks were sufficient. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Aug-2008 were 1% more than the previous week and 28% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 14% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE 3.37-3.80 MOSTLY 3.50-3.70

YOLKS 3.15-3.35 MOSTLY 3.25-3.30

ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED 5.40-5.75 MOSTLY 5.50-5.70

BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) 3.25-3.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 22, 2008-AUG 28, 2008 **CURRENT LOADS 103.50 FUTURE LOADS 42.00 TOTAL LOADS 145.50**

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	95.50	107.28	96.25	97.75	94.00		16.00	GNR W 1		104.33					6.00
GNR BR 1					100.00	97.00	2.25	GNR BR 1							1.25
GL W J			117.50	119.00	100.50		4.00	GL W J					112.33	115.89	4.50
GL W XL		107.72	110.60	111.68	96.66	97.00	37.50	GL W XL	96.96	112.00		104.00	129.00	105.16	12.25
GL W LG	111.00	111.78	103.75	106.09	95.36	108.88	58.75	GL W LG	102.00	109.91		119.00		103.99	28.00
GL W MD	82.00		71.31	70.50	74.79	76.54	33.00	GL W MD	78.75	75.00				84.57	20.00
GL W SM	48.00	51.00	31.00	28.00	50.00	53.00	3.00	GL W SM	50.00	51.00					1.00
GL BR XL					100.50		.50	GL BR LG	103.25					109.00	1.00
GL BR LG					99.50		1.00	NRBS - 39	65.00					70.00	1.00
NRBS - 48					90.21	85.20	9.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES. WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged from a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 3-12 4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Spent hen sales were TFEWR. Demand was light, processing schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate while demand remains mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	121.50	120.00	83.00
SOUTHEAST	120.50	118.50	82.00
MIDWEST	114.50	112.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	129.50	123.50	83.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	121.91	118.85	81.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least adequate for current needs. Demand was light to fair at best with limited trading on both the heavy and light canners with most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

(WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED **UNDER INSPECTION** Week ending 23-Aug-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically				
	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Hens	Hens	Hens		
		Thousands			
Head	1,401	1,875	3,276		
Last Week	1,460	1,728	3,188		
Same week yr ago	1,155	1,622	2,777		
To-date/2008	47,603	54,703	102,306		
To-date/2007	38,022	49,314	87,336		
	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada				

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	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Hens	Hens	Hens		
		Thousands			
Head	373	4	377		
Last Week	309	0	309		
Same week yr ago	305	0	305		
To-date/2008	11,273	50	11,323		
To-date/2007	8,679	23	8,702		

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada Light Total Heavy Hens Hens Hens -----Thousands-----1,879 Head 1,774 3.653 Last Week 1,769 1,728 3,497 Same week yr ago 1,460 1,622 3,082 To-date/2008 58,876 54,753 113,629 To-date/2007 46,701 49,337 96,038 SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Endir	ng Aug 16, 200	Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	0	445	2,617
Frozen	0	0	39	25
Dried	0	0	406	447
Total	0	0	890	3,089

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Endi	ing Aug 16, 200	Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	417	470	12,633	10,807
Frozen	40	0	393	263
Dried	0	40	393	659
Total	457	510	13,419	11,729

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending	Aug 16, 200	Year-To-Date					
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007			
Jumbo	0	0	0	0			
Extra Large	2,250	1,890	39,580	29,269			
Large	3,142	2,000	45,615	51,816			
Medium	885	1,248	28,076	34,763			
Ungraded	7,320	6,882	225,734	53,282			
Misc	0	0	1,562	6,325			
Total	13,597	12,020	340,567	175,455			
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/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Center		ers (Inc. G	Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)	
		Frozen	Processed	Processed	
		Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry	
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs	
AM	08/25/08	3,101	138,536	82,456	
AM	08/01/08	3,186	131,834	74,868	
CHG		-85	6702	7588	
PCT C	HG	-3%	5%	10%	

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 10 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 183 million dozen during July 2008, up 10 percent from July a year ago, and 9 percent above the 168 million broken last month.

July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2008 through July, shell eggs broken totaled 1,193 million dozen, up 4 percent from the comparable period in 2007. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2008 was 1,558 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2007. Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers) W/E 23-AUG-2008

	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	180.5	1	5
East North Central	638.6	-2	3
West North Central	314.6	-2	13
South Atlantic	173.1	9	2
South Central	52.0	-6	-11
West	217.9	23	20
Total	1576.7	1	7
Matched plants repo	81	81	

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD) South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-AUG-2008

W/L 23-A00-2000				
Selected Consuming	CW	LW	% CHA	NGE
Centers	(Cases, in Th	ousands)	LW	LY
Atlanta	24.5	24.6	0	-8
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-7
Chicago	68.1	70.0	-3	12
Detroit	8.4	8.3	1	-18
Los Angeles	99.7	93.9	6	-8
New Orleans	5.7	6.1	-7	0
New York	29.9	27.9	7	15
St. Louis	44.2	43.2	2	342
San Francisco	14.0	14.0	0	3
Total	297.3	290.9	2	12
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.8			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT AUG 26, 2008

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvrd store door.

Ex Large Large Med Small

MAINE	Ex ∟arge 168	Large 163	108	Sma ii 85
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	161-165 163-164	156-160 158-159	102-106 104-105	78-82 80-81
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	167-171 167	162-166 162	107-111 107	84-88 84
VERMONT MOSTLY	168-169 -	163-165 -	108-109 -	-

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